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| In Re Application of:<br>Caroline Boulenger  | September 17, 2003  |
|  | Examiner: Christy L. Novacek  |
| Serial No. 09/756,997<br>Filing Date: January 8, 2001                                      | Group Art Unit: 2822  |
| Title:<br>METHOD FOR ELIMINATING<br>DEVELOPMENT RELATED<br>DEFECTS IN PHOTORESIST<br>MASKS | IBM Corporation<br>2070 Route 52<br>Dept. 18G, Bldg. 300-482<br>Hopewell Junction<br>New York 12533 |

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Rejection dated May 22, 2003, for which a one month Petition  
for Extension of Time to Reply is attached, kindly amend the above-identified application as  
follows.

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| Re Applic of | Caroline Boulenger |
| Docket No.   | ER9-1999-0065      |
| Serial No.   | 09/756,997         |
| Filing Date  | 01-08-01           |
| Attorney     | Joseph P. Abate    |

Attached: Amendment and Petition for Extension of Time

**PLEASE DELIVER TO:**

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